

# Thamudic B

**Thamudic B** is a Central Semitic language and script concentrated in Northwest Arabia with attestations in Syria, Egypt, and Yemen. A single Thamudic B text mentions the king of Babylon, which suggests that it was composed before the fall of the kingdom in the middle of the 6th century BCE.

## Characteristics

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1. The suffix morpheme of the prefix conjugation in the first person is *-t*, as in Arabic and Northwest Semitic, as opposed to the *-k* of Ancient South Arabian and Ethiopic.

2. The dative preposition is *nm*, which appears to be an assimilated form of an original *\*lima*.

3. The consonant /n/ often assimilates to a following contiguous consonant, *ʔtt* from earlier \*ʾVnṭat and *ʔt* from earlier \*ʔanta].

4. Imperatives are often augmented by the energetic suffix, *-n*.<sup>[1]</sup>

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Region	Northwest Arabia, occasionally Syria, Egypt or Yemen
Era	c. 6th century BCE
Language family	Afroasiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Semitic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Central Semitic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Thamudic B</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	–

## References

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